



CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00A.M.

April 15, 2018

WE GATHER

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *All' Offertorio* Domenico Zipoli

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 12

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Trust and do not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

The Lord is our strength and our salvation. Hallelujah! Let us worship!

***HYMN 804** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Trusting in God's grace, we confess our sin:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord...(Silent, personal confession)

KYRIE 575

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard.

God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE 581**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WE NURTURE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING I Kings 19:1-17

LESSON Philippians 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Discipleship Covenants: Pray Daily*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confession of 1967, Adapted*

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that god will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 722** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* CANONBURY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God has made the One who was rejected the cornerstone of a new community. In the name of Christ Jesus, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERING

The Earth Is the Lord's

Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
All creatures who live on the earth are the Lord's. Alleluia.
For who can rightly ascend the hill of the Lord,
And who may enter his house to hear his word?
The pure in heart and hand, such are the people of God,
who understand.
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Alleluia *Adapted, Ps. 24*

***DOXOLOGY 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God, we offer you only a portion of what you have given us.
All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.
Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

WE REACH OUT

***HYMN 246** *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Grand Choeur* Marcel Courtonne

The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service

*All who are able may stand.
Bold Type indicates a congregational response.

Scripture

I Kings 19:1-17

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”

⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Welcome. We’re glad you joined us for worship today. We are an engaged community of faith called to deliver God’s word, grow in faith and serve all people. We worship on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the fellowship hall and at 11:00 in the main sanctuary. We pray that you experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. For families who prefer, child care is available for birth through age 5 in rooms 119 & 120. During the service, parents with young children are welcome, if they prefer, to adjourn to the downstairs conference room and continue listening to the service.

If you are a visitor we hope you will make Chester Presbyterian Church your church home. Please pick up a copy of *Connections@CPC*, our church newsletter in the narthex. It is full of activities and program schedules to assist you in finding areas of interest in our ministries. Our pastor, staff and officers would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our many programs and activities, and to discuss membership with you at your earliest convenience.

Serving Today

Liturgist	Dorinda Davidson
Sanctuary Guild	Muriel and Mike Phaup
Ushers	Richard and Susan Nunnally; Stacy Cavey; Lamar Lockhart
Greeters	Linn Coghill; Edith Turner; Pam Danford; Susan Phillips

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**God’s Call to Chester Presbyterian Church is:
*Deliver God’s Word, Grow in Faith, Serve All People.***



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This Week at CPC

Sunday, April 15

8:45A.M. AWE – Sanctuary
9:30A.M. Joyful Noise Rehearsal -
9:45A.M. Church School, K-G12 – Various
Discipleship: Way of Jesus – P Gallery
Protestant Reformations – FH
11:00A.M. Worship – Sanctuary
12:15P.M. AST Mission Trip Vols – Rm 214
2:00P.M. Spring Festival – Campus
5:30P.M. Session – FH / 2nd Fl CR

Monday, April 16

6:00P.M. Strengthen/Fellowship – 1st Fl CR
6:30P.M. Membership Committee – Rm 214
7:00P.M. Boy/Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr

Tuesday, April 17

10:30A.M. CPC Staff – 1st Fl CR
3:00P.M. After-School Tutoring – FH/RudyCtr
5:30P.M. Grace Café – FH
7:00P.M. Symphonic Winds Concert- Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 18

7:00A.M. Wednesday Men’s Breakfast – FH
10:00A.M. Pastor’s Bible Study – 1st Fl CR
11:45A.M. XYZ Luncheon and Program – FH
7:00P.M. AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr

Thursday, April 19

3:00P.M. After-School Tutoring – FH/RudyCtr
6:30P.M. Choir Bible Study – 1st Fl CR
7:30P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Rm 213

Friday, April 20

8:00P.M. AA Big Book Study – Rudy Ctr

Saturday, April 21

11:00A.M. AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr

Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Pam and Cliff Dameron.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Mary Weaver; Peter Lehman; Jean Oliver; Larry Turner, Sr.; Nancy Muller family; Ani Martin; Kelly Cahill, Brad Peebles; Bryan Schiano’s friends, the Mike Perkins family; Lee Farman’s brother, Bill F. Martin; Chuck Smith’s father, Bill; Liz Fletcher’s brother, David Whigham; Sharlee LaBrecque’s mother, Sharon Harold; Susan Johnson’s father, James McCormack; Cynthia and Todd Woerner’s daughter, Rebecca Hodell, and Cynthia’s friend Susan Huntington; Deborah Regal’s sister, Cherrill, and her sister-in-law, Barbie Harris; Frank Brownlee’s stepson-in-law, Gordon Hailey; Beverly Crute and her daughter, Cathy Toney; Wanda Gentry’s daughter, Mary Gentry; Bob and Marnie Brown’s son-in-law, Guy Champ; Marnie’s brother-in-law, Hugh Harvard, and aunt Jean Brennan; shut-ins; those in assisted living facilities, especially Tim Williams; Catherine Spence; Larry Grina; Helen Hines; Nancy Porterfield; and our military, especially members and friends of our congregation serving overseas.

AST Mission Trip Volunteers meet today, April 15, immediately following 11A.M. worship in room 214.

Spring Festival: The Spring Festival is today, 2:00 – 3:30P.M. Please join us for an afternoon full of games, prizes, a petting zoo, a bounce house and more! See you there!

Richmond Symphonic Winds: Tuesday, April 17, 7:00P.M. in the sanctuary. Under the direction of Iris Schwartz, a concert of works including marches, light band classics and selections from “Fiddler of the Roof.” All are welcome. There is no charge for admission.

You are cordially invited to attend Chester Presbyterian Women's Annual Tea, next Sunday, 2:00P.M. in the fellowship hall. Raffle proceeds to benefit the Henricus Historical Park Education Fund. Bring your own teacup and saucer as we gather for fellowship and to learn about caring for creation from our guest speaker, Richard Nunnally.

Men of the Church: the Women's Annual Tea is next Sunday at 2:00P.M. As is traditional, our men will serve the tea. Please contact Cliff Noe if you can be a butler at noetinman@verizon.net or 804-931-7894.

Young Adult Fellowship: Let's get to know one another! New to CPC or been around for a while? All 20 – 40 year-olds (or close to it!) are invited to a social on Friday, April 27 from 7:00-9:00PM at the home of Gordon and Susan Mapes. We'll enjoy each other's company and line-up fellowship opportunities for the summer and beyond. Hope to see you there! Contact Jessie Cooke for more information: jessieannepartridge@gmail.com

Graduate Information: Our 2018 graduates will be recognized at a reception on June 3. Graduate information is needed for all high school, college, technical or advanced degree graduates. Please contact Linn Coghill by Sunday, May 13, (lcoghill@chesterpres.org) with the following information:

- Graduate's name
- Address
- School
- Type of degree (if applicable) that will be received.

Chester Presbyterian Preschool is now enrolling for the 2018/2019 school year! We offer a half-day socialization and educational program for children ages 2 ½ - 5. Please visit our website at cpcpreschool.org for more details; or contact Kim Hopkins at 804-748-9465 or preschool@chesterpres.org.

Rise Against Hunger (Stop Hunger Now) is coming on Sunday May 6. This fun event is open to all ages, as there is great variety in the tasks to be performed. Bring the entire family! On-line registration is available at http://events.stophungernow.org/CPC_2018. This is a wonderful opportunity to help feed the hungry throughout the world.

- If you help unload the truck and set up for the event, we will start around 2:00P.M.
- The packaging event starts at 3 and will last until our target of almost 12,000 meals is reached (probably around 5:00P.M.). Please contact Steve Entwistle if you have any questions. See you there!

Yard Sale: CE and Property committees will hold a yard sale to support their ministries on Saturday, May 19, 8:00A.M.-Noon. Rental spaces outside will be available for \$20. Please text or call Pam Smith at 804-878-9029. Donations will be accepted starting Sunday, May 13 and continue through Friday, May 18. We also need paper bags. (*We regret we cannot accept mattresses or old TVs.*)

Grace Café welcomes you for dinner every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30P.M. in the fellowship hall. April 17 menu: Cuban pork, black beans and rice, brownies. Come out and unwind with good friends.

This is CANNED SOUP week for our Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the hallway. *\$10 Kroger gift cards are especially needed and appreciated as we are almost out.* Thank you.